



Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. **09877.0189-00**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
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Giacomo Stefano Roba <i>et al.</i>	)	Group Art Unit: 1731
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Application No.: 09/986,622	)	Examiner: John M. Hoffman
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Filed: November 9, 2001	)	
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For: METHOD AND INDUCTION	)	Confirmation No.: 5933
FURNACE FOR DRAWING	)	
LARGE DIAMETER PREFORMS	)	
TO OPTICAL FIBRES	)	

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**AMENDMENT**

In response to the Office Action dated April 6, 2006, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reexamine and reconsider the application in view of the amendments and appended remarks.

Please note that the attorney docket number for the above-captioned application has changed to 09877.0189-00.

**Amendments to the Specification** are included below and discussed herein.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the amendment sections of this paper.